



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Altrusa Members,

As we embrace the crispness of Fall, I am reminded of the power of community and the impact we can have when we come together with a shared purpose. Our commitment to promoting literacy and community service is more vital than ever, and I am proud to lead such an inspiring group of individuals dedicated to making a difference.

Literacy is the foundation upon which we build brighter futures. Each book we donate, each reading program we host, and each child we inspire not only enriches our community but also ignites a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. Let us continue to champion this cause, ensuring that everyone in Poplar Bluff has access to the resources they need to thrive.

As we look ahead, I want to remind you of MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY on October 26. This is our opportunity to engage with our community in a meaningful way. Whether it is volunteering for a local project, organizing a book drive, or simply sharing our passion for reading, let us show that our actions truly can change lives. I encourage each of you to think of ways to participate and to bring your ideas to our meetings.

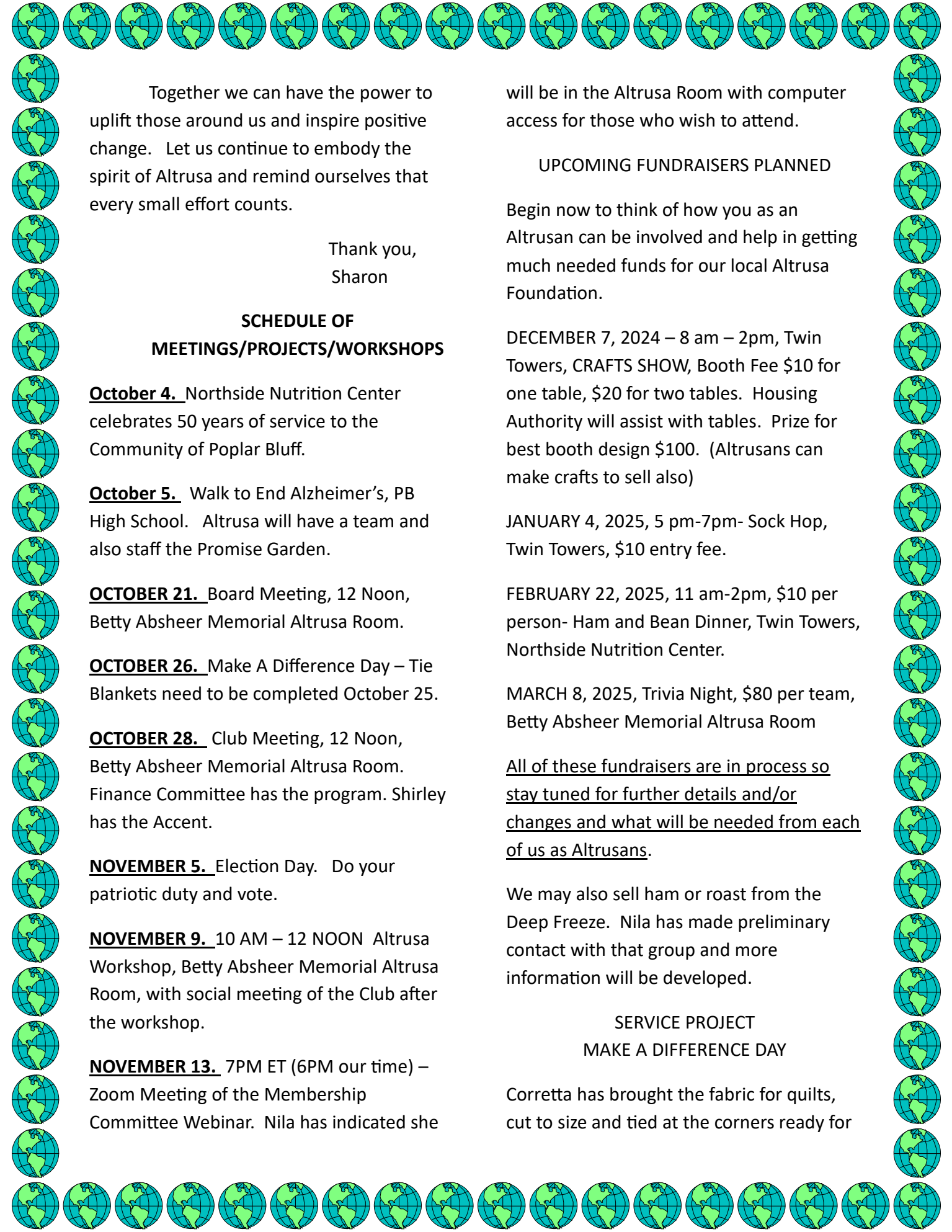
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Mission Statement: Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, inc., is committed to making a difference in the lives of others through community service, leadership, fellowship, and building the Altrusa image for future generations.

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Together we can have the power to uplift those around us and inspire positive change. Let us continue to embody the spirit of Altrusa and remind ourselves that every small effort counts.

Thank you,
Sharon

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS/PROJECTS/WORKSHOPS

October 4. Northside Nutrition Center celebrates 50 years of service to the Community of Poplar Bluff.

October 5. Walk to End Alzheimer's, PB High School. Altrusa will have a team and also staff the Promise Garden.

OCTOBER 21. Board Meeting, 12 Noon, Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room.

OCTOBER 26. Make A Difference Day – Tie Blankets need to be completed October 25.

OCTOBER 28. Club Meeting, 12 Noon, Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room. Finance Committee has the program. Shirley has the Accent.

NOVEMBER 5. Election Day. Do your patriotic duty and vote.

NOVEMBER 9. 10 AM – 12 NOON Altrusa Workshop, Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room, with social meeting of the Club after the workshop.

NOVEMBER 13. 7PM ET (6PM our time) – Zoom Meeting of the Membership Committee Webinar. Nila has indicated she

will be in the Altrusa Room with computer access for those who wish to attend.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS PLANNED

Begin now to think of how you as an Altrusan can be involved and help in getting much needed funds for our local Altrusa Foundation.

DECEMBER 7, 2024 – 8 am – 2pm, Twin Towers, CRAFTS SHOW, Booth Fee \$10 for one table, \$20 for two tables. Housing Authority will assist with tables. Prize for best booth design \$100. (Altrusans can make crafts to sell also)

JANUARY 4, 2025, 5 pm-7pm- Sock Hop, Twin Towers, \$10 entry fee.

FEBRUARY 22, 2025, 11 am-2pm, \$10 per person- Ham and Bean Dinner, Twin Towers, Northside Nutrition Center.

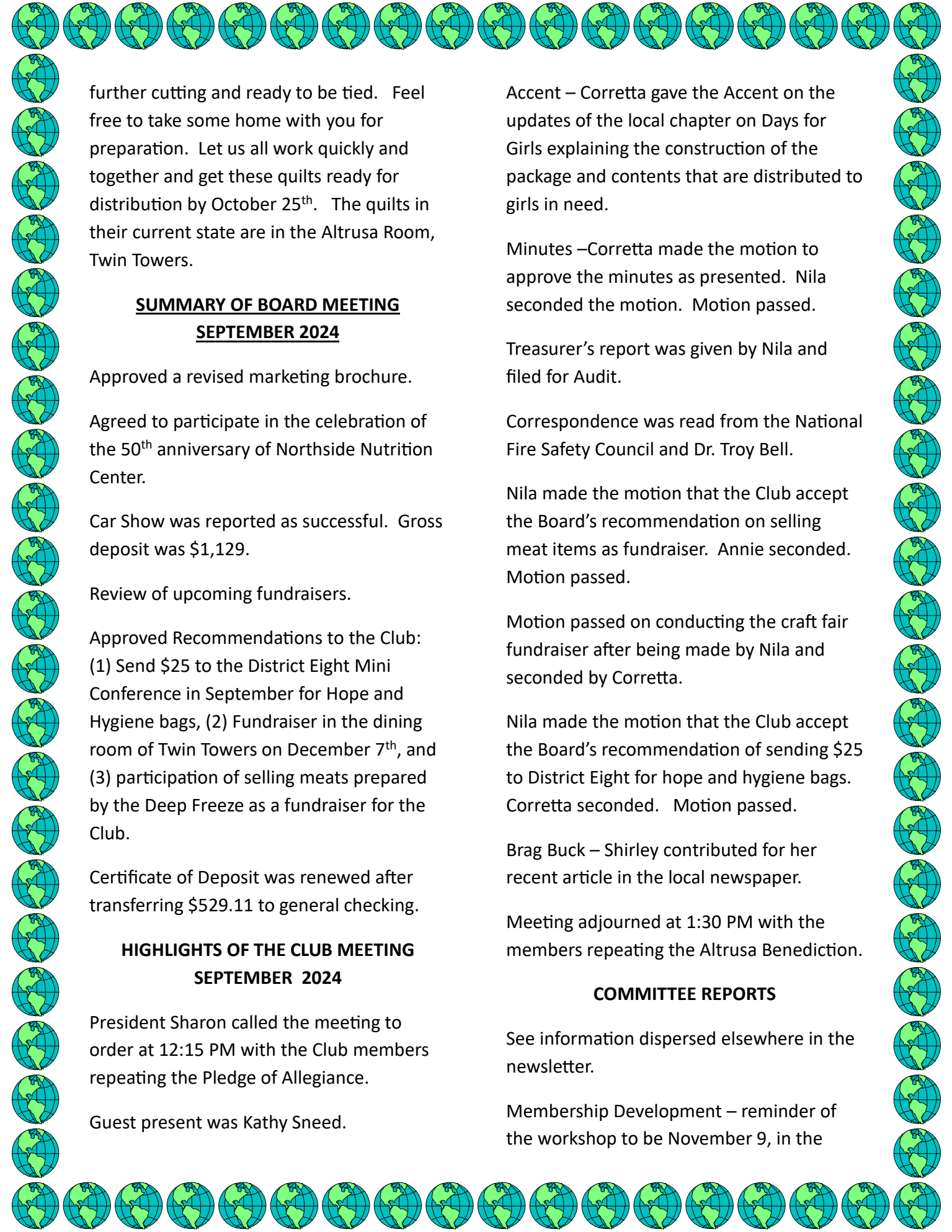
MARCH 8, 2025, Trivia Night, \$80 per team, Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room

All of these fundraisers are in process so stay tuned for further details and/or changes and what will be needed from each of us as Altrusans.

We may also sell ham or roast from the Deep Freeze. Nila has made preliminary contact with that group and more information will be developed.

SERVICE PROJECT MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Corretta has brought the fabric for quilts, cut to size and tied at the corners ready for



further cutting and ready to be tied. Feel free to take some home with you for preparation. Let us all work quickly and together and get these quilts ready for distribution by October 25th. The quilts in their current state are in the Altrusa Room, Twin Towers.

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2024

Approved a revised marketing brochure.

Agreed to participate in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Northside Nutrition Center.

Car Show was reported as successful. Gross deposit was \$1,129.

Review of upcoming fundraisers.

Approved Recommendations to the Club:
(1) Send \$25 to the District Eight Mini Conference in September for Hope and Hygiene bags, (2) Fundraiser in the dining room of Twin Towers on December 7th, and (3) participation of selling meats prepared by the Deep Freeze as a fundraiser for the Club.

Certificate of Deposit was renewed after transferring \$529.11 to general checking.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CLUB MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2024

President Sharon called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM with the Club members repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest present was Kathy Sneed.

Accent – Corretta gave the Accent on the updates of the local chapter on Days for Girls explaining the construction of the package and contents that are distributed to girls in need.

Minutes –Corretta made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nila seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s report was given by Nila and filed for Audit.

Correspondence was read from the National Fire Safety Council and Dr. Troy Bell.

Nila made the motion that the Club accept the Board’s recommendation on selling meat items as fundraiser. Annie seconded. Motion passed.

Motion passed on conducting the craft fair fundraiser after being made by Nila and seconded by Corretta.

Nila made the motion that the Club accept the Board’s recommendation of sending \$25 to District Eight for hope and hygiene bags. Corretta seconded. Motion passed.

Brag Buck – Shirley contributed for her recent article in the local newspaper.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM with the members repeating the Altrusa Benediction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

See information dispersed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Membership Development – reminder of the workshop to be November 9, in the

Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room, 10 am – 12 pm with social gathering afterward.

The Committee held a brief meeting on September 9th reviewing and discussing the District Eight newsletter. Goals of the committee are to 1) bring in new members 2) increase member knowledge, and 3) increase public awareness of Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff.

DISTRICT NEWS

Hygiene Bags from the District Eight Mini-Conference have been delivered to the local police department.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Next International Convention is in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. July 23-26, 2025.

LOCAL FOUNDATION

Form 990 has been filed. Funds were paid out for the blanket service project for Make A Difference Day.

ALTRUSANS BIRTHDAY

Nila Keller – September 30
Connie Roberson – October 14
Corretta Bishop – October 21

ACCENT

You have read and heard many times about the Principles of Altrusa. What is a “principle?” It is a fundamental truth that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior for a chain of reasoning. Keeping this thought, read through the Principles of Altrusa. You will be hearing more on these in the near future. All of these principles are based on MERIT AND ACCOMPLISHMENT – NOT RECOGNITION.

These Principles were adopted in 1921 and by 1922 Altrusa had 20 clubs. In 1935 Altrusa became International. In 1962, Altrusa Foundation was established. In 1966 ASTRA came into existence and in 1977 Altrusa adopted Literacy as a major theme or program for services.



Corretta

delivering the Altrusa hygiene bags to the local police officers for distribution to local citizens in need.



Our service project for World Literacy Day. Corretta reading “The Hungry Caterpillar” to the children present at the craft program. The children made paper caterpillars with the help of Altrusans and the local librarians. Event was held at the Poplar Bluff Public Library.

Pictures that follow are from our first fundraiser of a Car Show held September 7th. We gave it a success rating.



Annie getting those cars/owners registered.

I am sorry, but somehow I lost or deleted the pictures of the cars when my computer was damaged and replaced.



Sharon ready to sell those hot dogs and goodies with drinks at the car show.



Angela, our trusted friend and helper for our Altrusa Club is selling those raffle tickets for a quilt at the car show.

September has been a busy month for us and on to the month of October for another busy month. Yea!!!

